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FROM THEM.

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Will Centers and Church Build-
ing Funds Maintained by
Them In Addition To
Regular Gifts.



MISS KATHLEEN MALLORY
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Evidencing the larger sphere which women have come to occupy in church life, as well as other activities, when the Baptist 75 Million Campaign was decided upon at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta last May, the women, through their regular organization, the Woman's Missionary Union, at once agreed to be responsible for one-fifth of the sum sought, or \$15,000,000. This means that the Baptist women of the South will raise for missions of all kinds, Christian education and benevolences, the sum of \$3,000,000 a year for the next five years, in addition to their contributions to local enterprises and special work.

Through the channels of the Woman's Missionary Union, with headquarters at Baltimore, Md., the Baptist women of the South have since their organization contributed more than \$5,000,000 in cash to various denominational purposes. With the addition of boxes of food and clothing sent to orphanages and other benevolent institutions, the total of their contributions through this channel has reached \$5,710,433.71.

Miss Kathleen Mallory is the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, and in appreciation of the service she has rendered in that connection the Baptist women of Alabama have established the Kathleen Mallory Hospital for Women at Lashow Fu, Shantung, China. Miss Mallory being a native of Alabama.

Women of many of the other states have also undertaken special enterprises of their own. Those of Georgia, for instance, established the Ayers Hospital for Women at Kumamoto, Japan, the Catherine Bryan Kindergarten School at Canton, China, and the Mary P. Williamson School for Girls at Blue Ridge, Ga., a school designed especially for the education of girls in the mountainous section of that state.

Many of the other state unions have special projects such as Good Will Centers in the tenement, factory and mining districts, where effort is made to bring more sunshine and enlightenment and love into the homes and lives of needy families, especially those of foreign birth; church building funds; scholarships for young women who want to obtain training for special Christian service, and similar undertakings.

The general W. M. U., representing all the women of the Southern Baptist Convention, owns and operates the Women's Training School at Louisville, Ky., which has already sent out 700 trained women for special service in all parts of the world; and has established the Margaret Fund for the education in the Baptist schools of the South the sons and daughters of missionaries on the foreign fields, and the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, a church building fund established in honor of one of the greatest leaders Southern Baptist women have known. But money for the support of these institutions as well as that for the payment of the women's pledge of \$15,000,000 in the 75 Million Campaign, will be raised by the actual work of the women and through economy and sacrifice. Church fairs, bazaars, suppers, ice cream socials and the like, are frowned upon by the organized Baptist women of the South as unworthy means for raising funds for carrying forward the work of the kingdom of God and their contributions will not come from this source, it is announced.

SACRED FLAG WELL GUARDED

Standard of the Prophet Mahomet
Meet Holy Thing to the Mind
of Moslems.

The sacred standard of the prophet Mahomet is enveloped in 40 coverings of green taffeta and is inclosed besides in a case of green cloth, which contains a Koran written by the Khalifa Omar himself, and, furthermore, the silver keys of the Kaaba, which Sultan Selim I received from the shereef of Mecca.

The standard is 12 feet high and the golden ornament—a closed hand—that surmounts it contains another copy of the Koran, written by the Khalifa Omar III, the successor of Mahomet. It is kept at Constantinople.

In times of peace the precious standard is guarded in the Hall of the Noble Vestment. Thus is styled the dress worn by the prophet, though it is now in rags like the flag itself. In the same hall in which the tunic hangs is also preserved all other venerated relics of the Moslem world, such as the sacred teeth, the holy beard, the sacred stirrup, the saber and the bow of Mahomet, as well as the arms and armor of the first caliphs.

In a war a magnificent tent is erected for the reception of that sacred standard, which is attached by silver rings to a lance of ebony. This custom calls to mind the little temple in which was deposited the eagle of the Roman legions, as related by Dionysius Cassius. At the end of each campaign the sacred standard is again replaced with great solemnity in a richly ornamented chest.—Flaneur in Indianapolis Star.

WHEN THE FLOWERS SLEEP

All Have Their Appointed Periods for
Rest, Much as Does the
Human Family.

That flowers sleep at various intervals of the day and night, according to their fertilization periods, furnishes one of the many instances which prove the singular adaptability of everything in nature. The daisy opens at sunrise and closes at sunset, and is fittingly termed "Day's Eye." The morning glory opens its flower with the break of day. The "four o'clock" awakes at four o'clock in the morning, but closes its eyes in the middle of the day. The dandelion is in full bloom only while there is strong light. The reason for this peculiar selection of hours of flowers is due to the method by which they are fertilized.

Flowers which are open during the day are fertilized by flying daylight insects, and it would be no advantage to them to be open during the night. The same habits and methods are followed by the flowers open at night. Thus the habits of flowers are in a way determined by the habits of the insects from which they derive fertilization. Flowers getting their fertilization from the wind never sleep.

MEN DISLIKE GLOVES.

In Venezuela gloves are used by men to a much less extent than by women. Army officers are practically the only men ever seen wearing gloves in the street. Soldiers wear white cotton gloves with full dress uniforms on special holidays. Men wearing evening dress carry white kid gloves, but seldom put them on, and under these conditions one pair will last for years. The only work gloves in use are those of rubber for electrical work.

STRICTLY CONVENTIONAL.

"Which is the first and most important sacrament?" asked a Sunday school teacher of a girl preparing for confirmation.

"Marriage," was the prompt response.

"No, baptism is the first and most important sacrament," the teacher corrected.

"Not in our family," said the pupil haughtily; "we are respectable."

A DOCILE PATIENT.

"You need more fresh air." "All right, doctor. Give me a prescription for a touring car and I'll hand it to my husband to have filled."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A GOLF TERM.

"What do you know about golf?" "It's the one game where you can praise a lady's form to her face without being considered impertinent."

SKUNK NOT MANKIND'S ENEMY

Writer Asserts That Protection of
Misunderstood Animal Is Good
Financial Proposition.

Despised and maligned for years, the much-abused skunk is beginning to find friends among those whose inclination or business take them out of doors. That the skunk is a financial proposition of moment is seriously insisted in an editorial of the Hunter-Trapper-Trapper, of Columbus, Ohio. This magazine urges protection to the skunk, and goes on to define what it means by protection.

"Protection does not mean merely confining trapping to the open season now provided for in a majority of our states," says the writer. "This is not enough. This valuable animal must be taught that man is not his enemy but his friend. With skunks that is not difficult. They are neither savage, cunning nor have they instinctive hate for man possessed by many of their larger brethren. Indeed the skunk lends itself to domestication with great ease.

"Allow them to rove the fields unmolested during the warmer months, feed them in case of heavy snows and allow them to raise their young untroubled. In the end this proceeding will be found to pay.

NEAR ACCEPTANCE



"How was it you told people that you could marry Miss Smithers if you wanted to?" "She told me herself I could have the refusal of her hand."

BRIDAL TRIP IN AIR.

A couple were married not far from London the other day who a few weeks previously had had a "flip" at Hendon together, says London Answers. They enjoyed their first aerial trip so much that they booked the aviator to take them on their honeymoon then and there. The machine in which they departed on their wedding trip of 200 miles was a limousine, and the cabin, in which the happy couple were seated tandem fashion—the only drawback—was decorated with a bouquet of roses.

It was two-thirty when the machine left the shadow of the church. Luggage was stored in the back of the machine, and the lady had a book to read, although it is not on record whether she read it or not. The machine arrived at Fowey at 7:30, stopping at Bournemouth and Plymouth en route. The actual flying time was 2 hours 35 minutes.

PORTABLE CIRCULAR SAW.

Among recent electric tool novelties is a portable circular saw, provided with the handle of an ordinary hand saw. The tool weighs only 12 pounds with its one-quarter-horsepower motor, uses a three-inch cross-cut or rip saw, has a suitable depth gauge and is provided with an aluminum base grooved to slide on a guide track when necessary. The blade is covered with a safety guard.

THE ADVANTAGE.

"Some of the German aristocrats seem to object to a saddler as the head of the government."

"A saddler ought to be able better than most men to work well in harness."

NO SACRIFICE FOR STYLE.

"What a pity this hasn't been a hot summer."

"Why so?" "It is very hard on the girls who have been wearing their summer furs."

CRITICISM.

"That fellow isn't worth his salt." "I wouldn't say that exactly, but I will say that he surely isn't worth the price of beefsteak and potatoes nowadays."

LASHES HIMSELF INTO FURY

Zoologists Explain Why Lion Swishes
His Tail When in an Exception-
ally Angry Mood.

The one thing which the king of beasts has in common with the tame or garden variety of house cat is his propensity to lash his tail from side to side when he gets very angry, and some zoologists now declare that the end of the lion's tail has a hard and horny skin and that he virtually "lashes himself into a fury" with it. Each time it strikes him it stings and increases his rage, so that he scourges himself as if he were a member of some ancient religious order instead of a mighty hunter.

Placed as the lion looks in the zoo, he can travel swiftly and hunt his prey with skill and courage, though he does not always disdain to devour carrion, despite the stories often told of his fastidious tastes.

When in the zoo he is usually placid and gentle, except at feeding times, but the baby lions are frequently born with cleft palates, so that few of them survive in their homes behind the bars.

The lion is a faithful mate to his wife, but she is fickle and keeps him forever watching her to prevent her sending her whining call out after some prowling Lothario of the forest.

MORE THAN HE COULD STAND

Negro Soldier Frankly Outspoken
When Fellow Doughboy Sprang an
Unusually "Tall" Yarn.

Two negro soldiers of the Ninety-second (Buffalo division) were discussing life in the United States before the war, as they waited for the mess bugle.

"Now, when I was a lion tamer in a circus," began one.

"A lion tamer!" demanded the other incredulously.

"I sure was!"

"What is a lion tamer? I never heard of that trade before."

"A lion tamer is a guy who goes into a lion's cage. He looks the door after him and puts the key in his pocket. Then he goes over to the lion and opens his mouth. Then he takes hold of the lion's tongue and wags it. Then he goes to the door of the cage, unlocks it, and walks out."

"Well, man," ejaculated the other. "You never was a lion tamer, you're just a lyin' fool, dat's what you is."

ANCIENT REMEDY BEST.

Dr. Beverley Robinson of New York criticizes the newer methods of treating "colds" and influenza. He condemns such drugs as acetanilid, aspirin, antipyrin and phenacetin, except in very small doses, and insists that nothing has yet been found to surpass in effectiveness such old-fashioned remedies as castor oil and sweet spirit of nitre. But, he adds, "among all the drugs with which I am familiar there is none quite equal to the salicylate of ammonium, given in the beginning of a cold or influenza, in sufficient and frequently repeated doses." But even this does not do away with the need for carefully regulated diet, rest in bed and other such simple precautions as have been proven effective.

NO LUCK AT ALL.

"Been fishing?" "Yep." "Catch anything?" "No. Didn't even have a big one get away."

HUMAN PROTOTYPES.

"My fruit trees," said the amateur farmer, "remind me of some people."

"In what way?"

"Their modest bearing."—Judge.

MAYBE THEY ARE AIR PUMPS.

Seagulls—How have the boys at the club been getting on since the nation went dry?

Wags—They've taken to wearing pumps.—Cartoons Magazine.

MERELY TRIFLE.

"Your father objects to your bathing suit," said Mrs. Cumrox.

"I don't see," protested Gwendolyn, "how he could possibly object to a little thing like that!"

ITS SORT.

"How would you characterize economy of these extra hours?"

"I should class them as light savings."

Methodist Church Enters Ypres and Brussels

GREAT MEMORIAL CHURCH WILL
BE ERECTED IN DEVASTATED
BELGIAN CITY.

Brussels to Be Center of Large Enter-
prise On the Part of South-
erners.

Nashville, Tenn.—A great Methodist Church, erected and maintained by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be erected amid the ruins of Ypres, in Belgium. This was stated by Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, director-general of the Centenary Commission, who, with Bishop James Atkins, the bishop in charge of European mission fields, just returned from Belgium.

The city of Ypres, terribly devastated, will not be rebuilt in its entirety. The once magnificent Cloth Hall, the finest in the world, the Cathedral, the town hall, the churches, and other large ruins will be left as a perpetual memorial.

On these the city mayor has caused signs to be erected reading: "This is holy ground. No stone of this fabric may be taken away. It is a heritage for all civilized peoples."

A City of Memorials.

Ypres is a city of memorials. The British government has selected a site and will erect a great museum as a monument to her fallen heroes.

Similar buildings will be built by Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Belgium.

In the midst of these memorials the Southern Methodist Church will be erected. It will contain a library, reading room and social equipment, in addition to its auditorium and class rooms.

"Ypres will always be a mecca for travelers," said Dr. Beauchamp. "Thousands and millions will flock to that battlefield. Our Church will not only minister to the people of Ypres and the surrounding territory, but it will also serve these visitors."

Great Plant in Brussels.

The Methodists have also purchased a great building in Brussels, which will be their headquarters for Europe. It will contain offices, an auditorium, reading and lecture rooms, a publishing plant and social equipment.

The general secretaries of the two Protestant bodies of Belgium, the state church and the free church, will have offices in this building, thus making it the Protestant center of Belgium.

Southern Methodists have also purchased a half interest in the Protestant hospital of Brussels. It will be enlarged and its capacity will be doubled.

Relief Stations Established.

Dr. Beauchamp reported that thousands of children will freeze to death this winter, because the Germans flooded the mines and filled them with concrete, thus making it impossible for the people to obtain fuel.

"Children, with their mothers," said Dr. Beauchamp, "are now living in the abandoned trenches and dug-outs left by the enemy."

In order to cope with the situation the Methodists have arranged to open relief stations at Ypres, St. Quentin, Mondidier, Belgrade and other points.

A full contingent of physicians, nurses, directors and social workers will be sent abroad as soon as they can be found.

The Church has a fund of \$5,000,000 for European construction work. This will be spent in Serbia, France, Belgium, Poland and Bohemia.

Revival Planned For Entire South

Widest Evangelistic Effort Ever Made
Will Be Launched Soon.

Nashville, Tenn.—Plans for an evangelistic movement which will cover the entire South and operate in 20,000 churches at the same time are being formulated by the Centenary Commission and the evangelistic committee of the M. E. church, South. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington is the chairman of the joint directing committee and Dr. O. E. Goddard is the executive secretary.

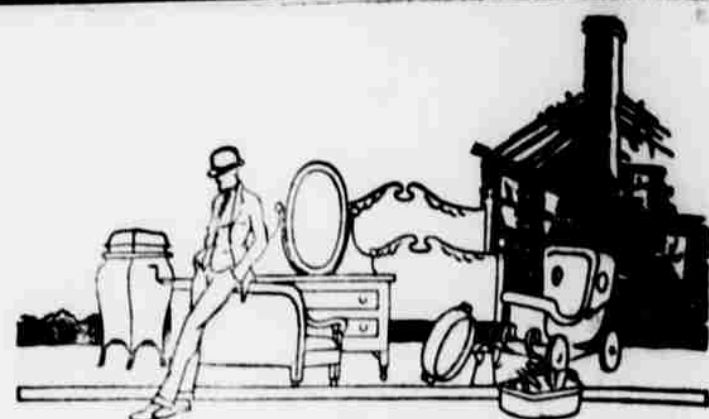
Standard Plan Made.

The movement will operate according to a standard plan. This plan provides for a preliminary survey of the entire South to discover what persons are not affiliated with any religious denomination.

Dr. A. C. Zumbrennen is in charge of the survey, and he has made preliminary investigations in a large number of typical sections as samples to guide pastors in surveying their own fields.

When these surveys are completed the evangelistic movement will be launched in an effort to interest all non-church members whose names have been secured.

It has been estimated that half a million workers will be enlisted to personally interview the persons who have no church membership.



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